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INSTRUCTIONS FOR "OSWALD" AND REFERENCE TO HIS REPORT (1945)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

No. 543

8 Mar. 45

To VIKTOR.^[1]

In reply to No. 1366.^[a]

In accordance with your instructions we sent "OSWALD"^[ii] the task of selecting and recruiting 3 or 4 [NK keepers] of safe flats [KONSPIRATIVNAYA KVARTIRA], 5 [OK dis makers [SHTAMPOVShchik]] [b][iii], several couriers [SVYAZIST][c] on regular [46 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered] average living wage in NORWAY at present is 1,000

[64 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered] first. O.^[iv] explained that as he did not know the route, he brought two guides to be on the safe side. We consider it advisable to send them back the northern [9 groups unrecovered] 1,600 Swedish Kr. We therefore ask you to sanction the payment to O. of 6,000 Swedish Kr. in cash. O. has written the report which you requested and we are sending you this by post together with our summary of the talks.

No. 29
8th March 1945

VALERIAN^[v]

Notes: [a] Not available.
[b] "[OK dis makers]" or "[OK stamp makers]".
[c] "couriers", "contact-men" or "go-betweens".

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[Comments overleaf]

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. PITIN.
- [ii] OSWALD : Probably Asbjorn SEWDE, a leading member of the Communist underground in Scandinavia during the war.
- [iii] die makers: Cf. the reference to "the manufacture of dies [SHIAPPI and to "a stamp [SHIAPPEL'NYJ] workshop" in NEW YORK's No. 1205 of 23rd August 1944 (5/RBF/T4615).
- [iv] O. : I.e. OSWALD.
- [v] VALENTIN : Vasilij Fedorovich BAZIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.